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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN TAKEOVER OF AMCONGEN ASMARA

REF: A) STATE 060318; B) ADDIS ABABA 1211 AND PREVIOUS

1. FSL EMPLOYED AS CARETAKER AT ASMARA CONGEN HAS SENT CABLE TO EMBASSY INFORMING US THAT COMMANDER OF NORTHERN SECTOR HAS ORDERED ETHIOPIAN ARMY TO TURN OVER "ALL THE PROPERTY AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS" TO THE NAVY. CONGEN COMPOUND IS TO BECOME NAVAL COLLEGE, PART OF WHICH WAS FORMERLY LOCATED IN MASSAWA. OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE IS PRESENTLY STORED IN MAIN OFFICE BUILDING OF CONGEN AND UNDER CARE OF FSL. HOWEVER, FSL ADVISED THAT NAVY INTENDS TO TAKE THIS BUILDING AS WELL IN NEAR FUTURE AND HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FURNITURE AND OTHER MOVEABLE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH CONGEN, I.E. VEHICLES, FUEL, ETC. PREVIOUSLY IN COMPOUND WHICH MAY BE CONFISCATED BY PMGSE BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE COMPENSATION CLAIM AGAINST PMGSE FOR USG PROPERTY IN ASMARA. EMBASSY DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE ISSUE WITH PMGSE AS PER REFTTEL A UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. PRESENT TAKEOVER SHOULD NOT BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF OUR CURRENTLY TENSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, AS
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NORTHERN SECTOR COMMANDER HAS BELIEVED SINCE PRIOR TO AARON VISIT THAT CONGEN PROPERTIES WERE NATIONALIZED AND THEREFORE PMGSE PROPERTY.
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